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EASLEY APPOINTS EVANS AS CULTURAL RESOURCES SECRETARY

(Raleigh, NC) Governor Mike Easley today named Lisbeth C. (Libba) Evans as Secretary for the Department of Cultural Resources.

Evans, 48, is a native of Clarkton, North Carolina and currently resides in Winston-Salem. She is a 1974 graduate of Wake Forest University and earned her MBA from the University in 1978.

Evans is currently the CEO, Director and sole shareholder of West Third Street Management Company, a real estate management consulting company. She is also President, Director and majority shareholder of West Third Street, Inc. and Clark, Evans and Tate, Inc., two real-estate holding companies. From 1986 to 1993, Evans served as President of Health Equity Properties, a NYSE listed real estate investment trust. Evans resigned in 1993 when the company merged with Omega. Prior to 1986, Evans worked in the investment banking business with Alex, Brown & Sons, Inc. and with Merrill Lynch, Pierce Fenner and Smith.

Evans is an active member of her community and has served as the Chairman of the Winston-Salem Arts Council and on the Boards of Penland School of Crafts, Reynolda House, the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, the North Carolina Hospital, Lift Academy, Juvenile Justice Council, Winston-Salem State University Foundation, Prodigals Community and Best Choice Center. She currently serves on the Boards of the Golden L.E.A.F., Inc., the World Trade Center North Carolina, the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina, and the Wake Forest University/Baptist Medical Center. Evans also serves on the Board of Trustees for Wake Forest University, and is on the Board of Visitors at the North Carolina School of the Arts.

Evans is married to James T. Lambie and has three stepdaughters.

"Ms. Evans brings a strong combination of business management and arts experience," said Easley. "She is a capable and dynamic manager who will be a passionate steward of North Carolina's diverse cultural heritage."

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